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The owner of the above-identified patent hereby submits copies of two Chinese patent documents and one European patent document, which were first cited in the attached Chinese Office Action, issued in connection with the corresponding Chinese patent application No. 200310118175.4. Also attached are English-language abstracts of the Chinese patent documents and an English-language translation of the Chinese Office Action, from which any relevance of the documents can be gleaned. The documents are listed on the attached form 1449. Also listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are two U.S. patents, which were also cited in the Chinese Office Action. Any relevance of these U.S. patents is self-evident.

It is brought to the Examiner's attention that the Japanese patent document number 10-063807, which was also cited in the aforementioned Chinese Office Action, is not being submitted with this Citation of Prior Art, since it was previously submitted with the IDS filed on November 13, 2003, with the filing of the above-identified application.

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